

TOWN OF AMENIA
Business Workshop Meeting
Thursday, August 14, 2008
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor Euvrard called Business Workshop Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Salute to the flag was conducted.

Emergency Exits at right of town board meeting table and at rear of meeting room.

PRESENT:	Councilman Pelkey	Absent
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

PRESENTATION:

Ms. Eve Biddle, of **Project Wassaic**, announced activities to be held on August 22 thru 24, 2008 in the hamlet of Wassaic, to include tour of newly renovated Maxim Mills building. Information available at www.wassaicproject.com.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tonya Shoumatoff reviewed her article on taking a watershed approach to regional planning.

Cheryl Morse requested that disclaimer be made that clarifies difference between National Audubon Society and Audubon International in relation to certifying golf courses. (Ref: Silo Ridge Project).

Evelyn O'Connell stated that all Recreation Programs completed as scheduled, and stayed within budget for 2008. Commission is working on proposed budget for 2009. Ms. O'Connell thanked Orpha Thomas for her years of service on the Recreation Committee and wished her well.

Pat Nelligan filed a complaint in May 2008 regarding Allen Sand & Gravel operating an **illegal** solid waste business. Mr. Nelligan stated that issue has not been pursued or resolved by Town Board.

Elizabeth Whaley, CAC, suggested that Helena Duva, Enforcement Officer of DEC be contacted regarding any misinformation on this issue.

Nancy Brusie, Zoning Administrator, stated that she has discussed issue with Helena Duva of DEC. Permits are required per determined threshold of cubic yards of waste material. Issue will be discussed between Nancy Brusie and Town Attorney.

Kevin Clark of Harlem Valley Organics Growmax, Inc., has been making topsoil for Allen Sand & Gravel since early 2000, and materials have not been in violation of 3,000 cu yd threshold requirement. Grass clippings have caused the recent unpleasant odor. Agreement has been reached with DEC to discontinue bringing these materials to the site.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Transfer Station

Jim Fraleigh announced that aluminum products will now be accepted, as well as fluorescent tubes.

Highway Department

Stanley Whitehead stated that Lake Amenia Road Bridge is near completion and road is open.

Building Department

Michael Segelken submitted a written proposal to town board to increase building permit fees for 2009.

DISCUSSION:**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**

MOTION by Supervisor Euvard, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti, to schedule Public Hearing for September 11, 2008 at 7:00pm to discuss project ideas for the 2009 Community Development Block Grant.

ROLL	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvard	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Absent

MOTION CARRIED

Town Clerk to submit Legal ad for Public Hearing in Millerton News.

Speed Limits Signs. Resolution to be prepared.

Dodson Hamlet Plan – under review by Town Board, Zoning Administrator and Michael Clemens.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**CAC**

Elizabeth Whaley, announced meetings recently attended and upcoming events or meetings in community. Ms. Whaley thanked Cheryl Morse for her service on the CAC committee. Ms. Morse has moved out of town and is no longer eligible as a member..

Water District

Mae Jones suggested October 1st, as deadline for residents to contact National Metering Services for meter installation. Thereafter, installation should be at owner's expense.

Recreation Commission

Tom Werner reminded town board of vacancy on Recreation Commission. Town staff to call applicants on waiting list to re-submit, if interested. All applications due by September 2, 2008.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti, to **WAIVE** Planning Board fees for lot line adjustment at Amenia Fire Company property.

ROLL	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Absent

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #20 OF 2008

RESCIND THE OPEN CONTAINER LAW AND GRANT AUTHORITY TO THE WASSAIC FIRE COMPANY TO CLOSE FIREHOUSE ROAD ON WASSAIC FIRE COMPANY ANNUAL COMMUNITY DAY ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2008.

Supervisor Euvrard made the Motion, seconded by Councilwoman Perotti that was ADOPTED – VOTE

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Absent

RESOLVED, to rescind the open container law and authorize the Wassaic Fire Company to close Firehouse Road to all traffic on September 6, 2008 between the hours of 1:00pm and 11:00pm.

Harlem Valley Rail Trail Extension

MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, SECONDED by Councilman Cayea, to hire **Tonya Shoumatoff** to provide a concept plan with cost estimates for the Harlem Valley Rail Trail Extension to Wassaic for a maximum of \$7,500.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Absent

MOTION CARRIED

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MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Cayea to APPROVE Town Board Minutes of July 10th, July 15th, July 17th, and July 29th, 2008.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye

Supervisor Euvrard
Councilman Pelkey

Aye
Absent

MOTION CARRIED

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Euvrard reviewed 2008 budget figures and re-stated that the projected fund balance was zero. Councilwoman Doyle stated that monies in the amount of \$150,000 is not accounted for. Supervisor Euvrard is reviewing with Bookkeeper and will report.

Workforce Housing Law/Affordable Housing Board Resolution to be prepared by Town Attorney for next board meeting.

Announced **Re-Building Together Program** to assist low income families with repairs to homes.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Perotti announced the championship of Amenia Connie Mack baseball team. Trophy will be displayed at Amenia Town Hall.

Councilwoman Doyle reported that Curt Johnson (Zarecki & Associates) is revising specifications for the Mechanic Street Project and recommends that a mandatory on-site visit be included for all bidders.

MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti, to AUTHORIZE Curt Johnson of Zarecki & Associates, to be present at a mandatory on-site visit for the Mechanic Street Project for an additional cost of \$250.00.

ROLL:	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Absent

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tonya Shoumatoff announced upcoming events and awards received at the World Peace Society in Wassaic.

Elizabeth Whaley requested allowance for CAC conference attendance in 2009 budget. Ms. Whaley suggested that citizens become informed on Silo Ridge issue.

Supervisor Euvrard stated that Planning Board Meetings will now be televised to enable community to be well informed.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Cayea to ADJOURN meeting at 9:18pm with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk

Draft to Town Board: September 7, 2008

Approved by: C/Doyle, C/Perotti, C/Cayea, S/Euvrard: September 11, 2008 C/Pelkey abstained

